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REMARKS

The foregoing amendments in the specification are pursuant to 37 CFR§78 to provide a cross-reference to related applications for Section 371 and Section 119(e) claims of priority. The relationship of the present application to the other applications is stated, and these earlier applications are identified by serial number and filing date.

These claims of benefit are presented by way of amendment pursuant to MPEP 201.11 subsection III(D) as: 1) they were made in the Declaration as filed and appear on the Official Filing Receipt (copy enclosed) and 2) the PCT International application -- of which the present application is the National Stage -- was filed before November 29, 2000.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees in connection with this Preliminary Amendment to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105. A duplicate copy of this document is submitted to facilitate any such charge.

Respectfully submitted,



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